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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 25th January 2024

125th birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa on Jan. 28

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Fans Club, will celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) in city on Jan. 28 at 8.30 am.

Ponjanda A. Ganapathy, President of Kodava Samaja, Kuttimada D. Muthappa, President of Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club and Nayakanda Thimmaiah, Fans Club President will be present.

Adarsha Vidyalaya admission

Mysuru, Jan. 25-The Department of Public Instruction has invited online applications from eligible fifth standard students studying in Mysuru city and Taluk Schools for admission to sixth standard (2024-25) at Adarsha Vidyalaya. Information related to entrance examination can be obtained from nearby Primary School Head Masters, BEO Office and BRC Offices. The last date for online application is Feb. 6. Interested can download the applications free of cost by visiting *www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in* and *www.vidyavahini.karnataka.gov.in*. Entrance exam time-table will be available on *www.ssakarnataka.gov.in*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

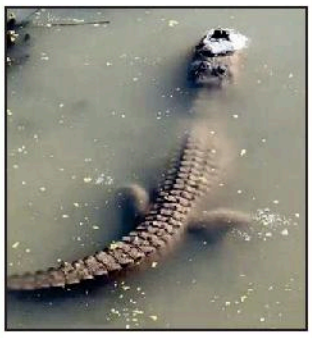
The proposal for simultaneous elections for Parliament and State Assemblies seems to be gaining momentum with the high-level committee appointed by the government actively pursuing it. The committee, headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind, had issued a notice inviting views and suggestions from the public on the matter between Jan. 5 and 15. It has now been reported that the committee received 20,972 responses and 81 per cent of them were in favour of the proposal. It has received representations from 17 of the 56 registered political parties in the country. Kovind has initiated discussions on the proposal with former Chief Justices, former Chief Election Commissioners (CECs), eminent jurists and business bodies. The next meeting of the committee has been fixed for Jan. 27.

The Law Commission and NITI Aayog have supported the proposal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has more than once called for the holding of simultaneous elections, including in his Independence Day speech in 2019. Kovind had mentioned it in his address to the joint session of Parliament in 2017. Other members of the committee are also considered to be supporters of the proposal. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury is the only member who may oppose it, but he is not participating in the committee's proceedings.

The Election Commission is reported to be of the view that the first simultaneous polls cannot be held before 2029 because of the need for more Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Otherwise the country may have to return to the paper ballots system at least in some States. Apart from logistical issues, there are serious legal, practical and political issues to be addressed. The proposal involves a total overhaul of the country's democratic system. The electoral system should be in agreement with its large political and social diversities. 'One nation, one election' is a rigid framework that prevents the natural play of politics in a country where democracy is still evolving. The supposed gain of a few hundreds of crores and other purported advantages is no actual gain when there are many serious negatives. It will amount to manipulating the electoral system for an undemocratic end. — *In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Alligator makes snout hole in frozen pond to survive



Beaumont: A Texas wildlife rescue centre shared video of an alligator poking its snout through the ice so it can survive in a frozen pond.

The video, posted on a social media platform, shows a resident alligator at Gator Country in Beaumont with its body under the ice, but its snout sticking up through a small hole.

Gator Country owner Gary Saurage explains in the video that the gator's seemingly unusual position is normal winter weather behaviour for the cold-blooded animals.

Alligators in freezing temperatures go into a state of brumation, a cold-blooded animal's version of hibernation.

"His heart is beating three beats per minute. Folks, that's amazing. That's how alligators survive in the ice," Saurage says in the video.

Congregation creates 35-foot challah bread

New York: A Jewish congregation in New York teamed up with a Brooklyn bakery to attempt to break a Guinness World Record with a 35-foot, 2-inch challah bread.

The bakery made more than 200 pounds of dough, which was then braided and transported via truck to a kosher commercial kitchen in New Jersey, where it was baked in a 40-foot tunnel oven.

The bread measured 35 feet and 2 inches before being cut into portions. Evidence from the record attempt is being submitted to Guinness World Records.

The current record of 32 feet is held by the Grandma Moses Bakery in Sydney, Australia.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. – Consultant – Urology and Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Three-day Education Fair in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (GA&VNS) - CBSE, ICSE and State Private Schools Management Association, Mysuru Division (CISPMAM) in association with *Chirag Ads*, will be organising a three-day Education Fair at Maharaja's College Grounds in city from Jan. 26 to 28 between 10 am and 9 pm, said Association Founder-President Sudhakar S. Shetty, here yesterday.

Speaking to mediapersons at Pathrakartara Bhavan, he said that the Fair would be inaugurated by Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at 5 pm and added that about 80 stalls had been erected at the venue to facilitate the educational institutions participating in the Fair.

"The Education Fair will have information on various educational institutions ranging from Lower Kindergarten (LKG) to Post Graduation (PG)," he said and added that entry to the venue would be free for children and parents.

Association President V. Venkatesh, Vice-President M.L. Ravindra Swamy, Joint Secretary Manjunath Srivatsa, Treasurer K.S. Swaroopini and Vivek of *Chirag Ads* were present at the press meet.

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- *You can actually die laughing. And a number of people have, typically due to intense laughter causing a heart attack or suffocation.*

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Rinky: That's three together.
Anita: No. One at a time!

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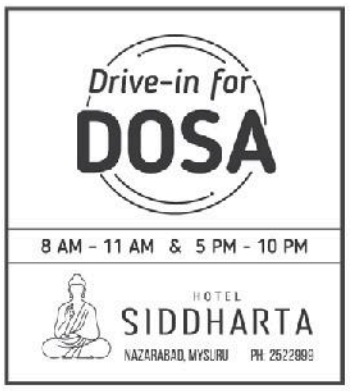

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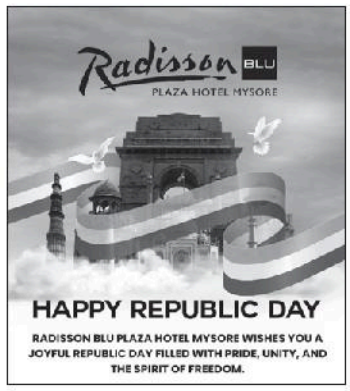
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Shettar back in BJP

Former Karnataka CM Jagadish Shettar, who quit BJP nine months back to join Congress, rejoins BJP

New Delhi, Jan. 25 (BCT & DM)- Barely a couple of hours after Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah confidently stated in Mysuru during a press conference that former Karnataka Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar had no intentions of leaving the Congress, Shettar surprised everyone by rejoining his original party, the BJP, at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi later this afternoon. This unexpected move has sent shock waves through the ruling Congress in Karnataka.

The Lingayat leader had left the BJP ahead of the Karnataka Assembly Elections in May 2023 as he was denied a ticket. This afternoon, he reached the BJP headquarters where he was welcomed back to the party by BJP National President J.P. Nadda in the presence of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav and State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra.

BJP National President J.P. Nadda seen welcoming former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar back into party fold as former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa looks on.

"BJP gave me a lot of responsibilities and top posts in the past. Because of some issues, I went to the Congress party. In the last 8-9 months, there were a lot of discussions in the BJP. Karnataka BJP leaders and workers asked me to come back to the BJP. Yediyurappa ji and Vijayendra ji also wanted me to come back to the BJP. I am rejoining the party with the belief that Narendra Modi ji has to become the PM again," Shettar said.

Stating that PM Modi is doing an excellent job for taking the country to much greater heights in the global scenario, he said that he was returning to the party without any demands to work under the unmatched leadership of Modi. He further said that there was a lot of pressure from his fans and followers to rejoin the BJP.

Jagadish Shettar, the six-term MLA (former) from Hubballi-Dharwad Central, left the BJP as he was denied a ticket from the party. Later he joined the Congress, and contested from the same constituency where he lost by a huge margin to BJP's Mahesh Tenginkai. Shettar was thereafter made an MLC by the Congress.

When Shettar left the BJP in April 2023, he said he was humiliated by the senior leaders of the BJP and that his decision to quit the saffron party was final.

BUTTON BLUNDER

CESC MD suspended as the power button to mark inauguration of an event by Chief Minister fails

Periyapatna, Jan. 25 (BS)- C.N. Sridhar, Managing Director of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited has been suspended for dereliction of duty, for making a blunder at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's programme organised to kick-start filling of water to lakes from Cauvery river at Muttina Mullasoge village in the taluk on Wednesday.

Sridhar

A project to fill water to 150 lakes in 79 villages from Cauvery river was organised at Muttina Mullasoge, during which Chief Minister pressed the button of a motor pump to kickstart the flow of water through pipes from Cauvery river.

(See BUTTON on page 8)

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of ***Republic Day.*** *Hence, there will be no issue of* ***Star of Mysore*** *dated* ***Jan. 26, 2024.***

— Management

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SPECIAL ISSUE

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NEWS BRIEFS

Full Moon Day special prog.

Dixit Aarogya Dhaama, an Ayurveda Panchakarma Hospital in Vijayanagar, Mysuru, is conducting Full Moon Day special programme 'Aananda-Aarogya' at its premises today (Jan. 25) at 6 pm. As part of it, an instrumental concert by Vid. Amogh Nadadur, accompanied by Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching. Also, a discourse on 'Swasthya Vigraha Rama' by Dr. C.S. Anil Kumar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2511619.

Film on eradicating untouchability

In a bid to create public awareness on eradicating untouchability, the Social Welfare Department will broadcast Kannada film titled *'Samanateya Kadege'* in Chandana TV channel at 2.30 pm tomorrow (Jan. 26). The public are appealed to watch this film, according to a press release from the Department Joint Director.

Felicitation

Mysuru District Loaders, Transport and General Worker Association will be felicitating retiring workers at a function to be held on Jan. 26 at the Association premises in APMC Yard at Bandipalya at 10.30 am. The Association will be presenting a cheque of Rs. 25,000 to 25 retiring employees and Rs. 50,000 as a compensation to the family of a deceased, according to a press release from Association General Secretary Asif Ahmed.

Staging of play

Bengaluru-based Nagna Theatre will be staging the play 'Direct Action' directed by Kabbadi Narendrababu at Kalamandira on Jan. 28 at 6 pm. Prof. Nataraj Huliyar has authored the play based on life history of Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy (MDN), Founder of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS). Actor Sampath Maitreya will be seen portraying the character of Prof. MDN.

Lecture series

Rangayana Mysuru, in association with Sri Gubbi Veeranna Study Chair and Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, will be organising a lecture series on theatre-related arts from Feb. 2 to Feb. 9 between 5 pm and 7 pm every day. Experts will deliver lectures on painting, dance, folklore, film, music, aesthetics and applied theatre. Entry is restricted to only 60 members and the last date of registration is Jan. 30. Participation certificates will be provided to the candidates. For details, contact Mob: 91488-27720 or 94489-38661, according to a press release.

Rampant encroachment of Hinkal Nanneshwara Lake, Raja Kaluve

MUDA not acting against illegalities, allege villagers

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (SPN&BS)- The leaders and villagers of Hinkal have raised a serious accusation against the District Administration and the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), accusing them of procrastination in taking action against the encroachment of Sri Nanneshwara Kalyani or Devara Kere (Lake) at Hinkal and the buffer zone of Raja Kaluve (natural drain) in the surrounding areas.

The Lake, covering approximately six acres, has been affected by the consequences of rapid urbanisation. About 2,000 acres of land in Hinkal was acquired by the MUDA several years ago, subsequently converted into Civic Amenities (CA) sites.

During this acquisition, MUDA officials had given assurances that CA sites would be allocated for the development of essential infrastructural facilities aimed at advancing Hinkal village, said Krishna Reddy, the Treasurer of Sri Nanneshwara Devara Kere Development Committee.

Adding to the concerns, a private organisation has reportedly encroached upon the buffer zone of Raja Kaluve, crucial for the flow of stormwater, particularly at the eastern part of the Lake. Disturbingly, they are obstructing any efforts to desilt the area, even resorting to the use of machines, thereby violating established laws.

Buffer Zone violation

Krishna Reddy, expressing frustration, mentioned that despite submitting memoranda to the officers three to four years ago urging the removal of encroachments, no tangible progress has been made thus far.

The villagers contend that the buffer zone in the southern part of the Lake is not designated in the CA site plan and the accompanying sketch. Consequently, they argue that the allotment of CA site to a private organisation without proper demarcation of the buffer zone is scientifically flawed. They emphasise that addressing the issue should take into consideration the Raja Kaluve in the eastern part of the Lake and the buffer zone of the CA site in the southern part.

In addition to this, the villagers point out that the Government Primary School building in Hinkal is also situated on the buffer zone of Raja Kaluve.

Encroachment of Lake bund

The current custodian of the Lake is MUDA, which has taken steps to enhance security by installing an iron mesh around the water body. However, the villagers allege that a private firm has encroached upon both the Lake bund and the buffer zone of Raja Kaluve. They view the demolition of the Lake bund as a serious offence, as it poses a threat to the water source.

The State Government must halt the activities carried out by the private firm encroaching upon Raja Kaluve and Kodi (where water overflows) in the Lake area. Additionally, appropriate action should be taken against MUDA Officers involved in collaboration with them, the villagers have demanded.

Furthermore, the Government should instruct the District Administration to direct the private entity to refrain from undertaking any activities until the buffer zone of Raja Kaluve connecting to the Lake is properly identified, they urged.

Sri Nanneshwara Devara Kere Development Committee Hon. President Honnappa, President A. Papanna, Vice-Presidents K.G. Nagaraju and N. Mahesh, Secretary Satish Kariyappa, Advisor G. Srinivas, leaders Kiran, Venkatesh, Hemakumar, H.B. Ramesh, S. Nannappa, Ganesh, Shivu, Kumar, Srinivas, Ramesh, Chandrashekar, Dinesh, M. Manjunath, Vasu, Paramesh, Rajashekar, M.K. Praveen and several others were present.

CA site meant for Government High School allotted to private party!

Hinkal villagers have opposed MUDA's decision to allocate the CA site, originally earmarked for the Government High School, to a private educational institution without informing the local residents.

On June 25, 2016, the Deputy Director of the School Education and Literacy Department (formerly Public Instructions) had officially recommended to the Government the allocation of a nearby CA site for Government High School, Hinkal.

In accordance with this recommendation, MUDA Officers had agreed to allot Site Number CA2, spanning 8,182 square metres in Vijayanagar Second Stage, for academic purposes. The ground rent for this site was fixed at Rs. 44,51,010 for a 30-year period under contract, as per the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Allotment of Civic Amenity Sites) Rules, 1991, Rule 3(1) and 8(4)(C).

However, due to the inability to pay the substantial amount to MUDA, the then Principal Secretary of Primary and Secondary Education declined to proceed with the allocation. Subsequently, MUDA decided to allot the site to a private institution, a move that has sparked criticism from the villagers.

Unidentified man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Jan. 25- An unidentified man aged about 45 years, who was brought to K.R. Hospital after he was found lying in an unconscious state at the City Railway Station on Jan. 13, died on the morning of Jan. 20 after failing to respond to treatment.

The man is 5.5 ft in height, wheatish in complexion, medium built, oval faced and has a tattoo marked 'Om' on his right hand and tattoos marked 'Rekha' and 'Enkha' near his left forehand.

The kith and kin, if any, can contact the City Railway Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

Obituary

Dr. G.S. Subramanyam

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Dr. G.S. Subramanyam (85), a retired Professor of NIE, Mysuru and Founding Principal of NIE Science College in city, passed away here yesterday following brief illness.

A resident of 8th main, Saraswathipuram, he leaves behind his wife, three sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

M.B. Rajeshwari

M.B. Rajeshwari (87), wife of late B.S. Somashekaraiah, Proprietor of Mysuru Auto Garage and dealer of Royal Enfield Motorcycles, passed away here on Jan. 11.

A resident of JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, she leaves behind a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Vidyaranyapuram Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in city on Jan. 11.

D.T. Nayana

Periyapatna: D.T. Nayana (24), daughter of Thammaiah and Anasuya of Doddaharave village in Periyapatna taluk, passed away on Wednesday following brief illness.

She leaves behind her parents, brother Naveen and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at her native village this afternoon, according to family sources.

VOICE OF THE READER

Flybus service good but Mysuru bus stand experience is bad

Sir,

As a frequent visitor from USA, I have appreciated the services provided by Flybus for travel from Kempegowda International Airport Limited (KIAL), Bengaluru to Mysuru.

However, upon arrival at the Mysuru Sub-Urban Bus Stand, my experience has been disappointing. There is a notable absence of a proper drop-off point for Flybus, leaving passengers to navigate their way without adequate facilities.

It would greatly enhance the traveller's experience to establish a designated drop-off area with shelter and a decent platform that seamlessly connects to the prepaid auto location. The current situation, where passengers have to manoeuvre their luggage amidst unhygienic conditions, has persisted unchanged for the last 10 years.

Additionally, the prepaid auto service could benefit from significant improvements in terms of queuing arrangements and luggage handling. Modernising this facility to align with current standards would contribute to a more efficient and traveller-friendly experience. Furthermore, when departing from Mysuru to catch the Flybus to KIAL, there is a glaring lack of convenient arrangements. Whether taking an auto or cab, passengers face the challenge of finding a suitable drop-off point, compelling them to drag their luggage on the road amidst other traffic.

It is disheartening that the Mysuru city administration and the KSRTC have not addressed these fundamental issues, especially considering the positive changes implemented at KIAL.

It appears that there is a lack of initiative to enhance conditions for travellers in Mysuru.

As an architect, I am willing to offer my assistance in finding viable solutions to these challenges. I believe that by addressing these issues collectively, we can contribute to an improved travel experience in Mysuru and better position the city to compete with others in terms of infrastructure and amenities. I hope, positive transformations can be realised in city's transportation facilities.

— Ganesh Sathyan
Mysuru
18.1.2024

Corrections and Clarifications

Capt. Sharanya Rao is CIT alumnus

In the news item titled ***'Two female officers from Kodagu to lead R-Day contingents'*** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore*, the engineering degree of Capt. Sharanya Rao was inadvertently missed out. It may please be read as "Captain Sharanya Rao completed her schooling at St. Anne's School and did her PUC in Cauvery College. She completed her Mechanical Engineering at Coorg Institute of Technology (CIT), Ponnampet and did her MSW in Alva's College, Moodbidri. She was awarded Best Outgoing Student of CIT Award in the year 2018." **—Ed**

Sharanya Rao

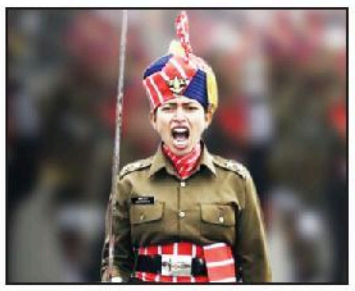
Lt. A.G. Aishwarya Dechamma leads Army Air Defence Unit

Kushalnagar, Jan. 25 (Akshay & BCT)- Lieutenant Ajjinanda G. Aishwarya Dechamma from Kodagu was the parade adjutant, leading the Army Air Defence contingent during the 76th Army Day Parade held at 11 GRRC Thakur Sheodatt Singh Parade Ground in Lucknow on Jan. 15.

Aishwarya was commissioned into the Army Air Defence Regiment, presently being posted at Jammu. She hails from Madikeri and is the daughter of Ajjinanda Ganesh Aianna, a coffee planter, and Monthi Ganesh. She is the granddaughter of Ajjinanda Aiyanna and Muthavva.

Lt. Aishwarya initially pursued a career as a social media specialist before embarking on her journey to the Officers Training Academy (OTA) Chennai. She was commissioned in 2022 after 49 weeks of training.

She cleared the SSB interview in her first attempt and secured her place through NCC Special Entry. A BBA graduate and holder of the coveted 'C' certificate in NCC, Lt. Aishwarya's journey included employment at two different firms in Bengaluru as a social media specialist before dedicating herself to the service of the nation.



Lt. A.G. Aishwarya Dechamma

Reflecting on her motivation to join the Army, Lt. Aishwarya reminisced about her time as an NCC cadet, leading the march past of the NCC contingent on Republic Day in Delhi in 2017. Her passion for serving in the military was ignited during her junior wing NCC cadet days when she attended the Republic Day parade in 2014.

Though she initially aspired to join the Indian Air Force as a pilot during her college days, her dreams evolved, leading her to choose the path of serving in the Indian Army. In addition to her academic prowess, Lt. Aishwarya is a multifaceted individual, excelling as a national-level field hockey player, proficient speed skater, state-level badminton player, adventure enthusiast, accomplished painter and a skilled orator.

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Two more Ram Lalla idols inside Ayodhya Temple complex soon

Rs. 3.17 crore offerings made on Day 1, over 2.5 lakh devotees visit on Day 2

Ayodhya, Jan. 25 (Agencies)- Three days after the Ram Mandir was inaugurated in Ayodhya and the Ram Lalla idol carved by Mysuru sculptor Arun Yogiraj called 'Balak Ram' was placed in the sacred 'garbhagriha' *(sanctum sanctorum)*, two other idols await for their final placement within the Temple complex.

The second idol, carved from Krishna Shile, a unique black stone by sculptor Ganesh Bhatt, has also captured the attention of devotees and art enthusiasts. The stone is of a deep black hue.

The 51-inch statue, resonating with the innocence of the five-year-old Ram Lalla, has also been sourced from the fertile lands of H.D. Kote near Mysuru. As seen in photos, this idol is entirely black with saffron 'teeka' (dots) on a few points on the body.

Ganesh Bhat's creation will be enshrined within the Temple precinct, as the Trust overseeing the Ram Mandir's affairs is looking into the matter. The third one, sculpted by Satyanarayan Pandey, is also waiting for a place in the Ram Mandir, as it did not make it to the 'garbhagriha'.

The white marble idol, intricately clad in marble jewellery and clothing, holds a golden bow and arrow. Behind the main figure stands an arch-like structure adorned with smaller sculptures representing various incarnations of Lord Vishnu.

It is expected that the white marble idol will likely be installed on the first floor of the Temple. Arun Yogiraj's Ram Lalla idol was chosen from among three commissioned murtis, and its eyes have captivated the hearts of worshippers and onlookers.

According to reports, the Ram Mandir will enshrine four distinct idols of Ram Lalla: **The original Ram Lalla idol, the newly-installed Arun Yogiraj's idol in the *sanctum sanctorum* and the two additional creations by Ganesh Bhatt and Satyanarayan Pandey.**

Devotees throng Ram Mandir

Meanwhile, more than 2.5 lakh devotees paid obeisance at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya yesterday while donations totalling Rs. 3.17 crore were recorded on the first day after the consecration ceremony, officials said.

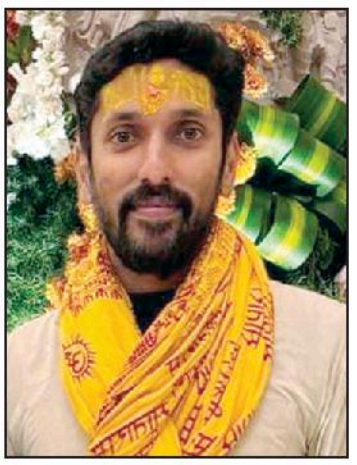
District Magistrate Nitish Kumar said more than 2.5 lakh devotees visited the Temple till 10 pm yesterday and more than 5 lakh people had visited the Temple on the first day. Devotees made donations totalling Rs. 3.17 crore in a day on 10 counters opened after the consecration ceremony and through the online mode, Anil Mishra, Trustee of Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, said.

In the wake of the overwhelming response of devotees, the Temple administration has extended the timings for darshan.

Devotees can now offer prayers between 6 am and 10 pm as against the earlier timings of 7 am to 11.30 am and 2 pm to 7 pm, it said.

After rousing reception in Bengaluru...

Sculptor Arun Yogiraj to arrive in Mysuru this evening



Bengaluru, Jan. 25 (MK& VNS)- Mysuru's Arun Yogiraj, the master-sculptor behind the Ayodhya Ram Lalla idol, received a warm welcome upon his return to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) at Devanahalli in Bengaluru yesterday.

Escorted by CISF personnel from Terminal-2, Arun, who had been away for the past six months, touched down in Bengaluru after his significant role in the consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. He landed at T2 of KIA at 9.30 pm. A large media contingent had gathered outside apart from his fans and BJP workers.

Emotions ran high as Arun, visibly moved, embraced his daughter upon exiting the Terminal. His wife Vijetha was also present. There was chaos after the Police pushed back media persons and the public who had gathered to greet him. The crowd cheered Arun and chanted 'Jai Sri Ram' slogans. Arun was adorned with shawls and Mysore Petas, symbolising the community's deep appreciation for his craftsmanship.

Addressing the media, Arun Yogiraj expressed his joy at the overwhelming reception and conveyed his satisfaction with the work accomplished in Ayodhya. Reflecting on the significance of the Ram Mandir construction, he emphasised the respect accorded to artists in India and described the indescribable feeling of witnessing a humble stone transform into an idol worshipped by millions.

Arun extended his wish for people across the country to visit the Temple and experience the presence of Ram Lalla. Arun is expected to arrive in Mysuru later today. He will participate in various events in Bengaluru before heading to Mysuru.

Rs. 250 crore in Budget to restore State Ram Temples

Bengaluru, Jan. 25 (KMS& BCT)- The consecration of the Ram Lalla idol at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya has ignited a sense of optimism within the Karnataka BJP, prompting the saffron party to set ambitious goals of securing more than 20 out of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in the upcoming elections.

As the BJP focuses on making the Ram Temple a central theme in its election strategy, aiming to offset Congress' five poll guarantees, the Congress is directing its efforts towards rejuvenating Ram Temples in Karnataka.

The Congress aims to position itself as a Hindu-friendly party, countering the BJP's accusations of being 'anti-Hindu.' The Congress drew criticism for not attending the Ayodhya event and the State Government's decision not to declare a holiday on Jan. 22 for the Ayodhya Ram Temple consecration further fuelled the BJP's claims. The Congress, through the allocation of Rs. 250 crore for the restoration of Ram Temples, appears to be entering into a damage-control mode.

In the upcoming 2024-2025 Budget scheduled for Feb. 16, sources suggest that Siddaramaiah is expected to make significant allocations, including Rs. 250 crore for the restoration of Ram Temples in the State.

Additionally, the Congress Government is reportedly contemplating generous grants up to Rs. 300 crore for Mutts and religious institutions. This financial support is intended to boost the social, educational and cultural programmes undertaken by these institutions.

On its part, the BJP MPs are also planning to leverage the consecration by organising pilgrimages to Ayodhya for devotees in their respective Constituencies. The BJP Karnataka unit has targeted to send more than 35,000 persons from all 224 Assembly Constituencies in the State to Ayodhya from Jan. 31 to Mar. 25. The trip will be for six days.

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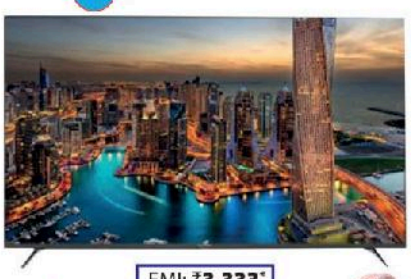
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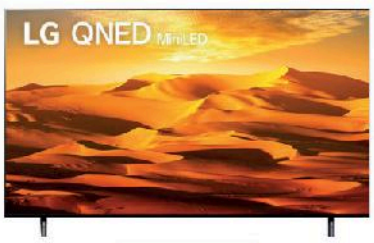

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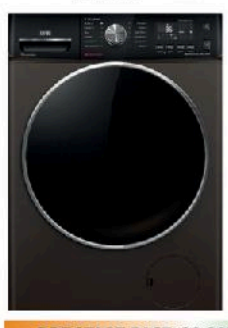
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Jayadeva Director Dr. Manjunath's extended tenure to end on Jan. 31

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▶ Dr. Sadanand among 23 contenders for top post

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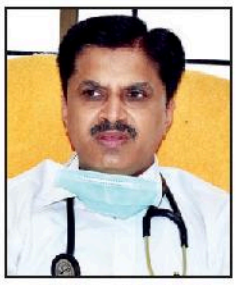


Dr. K.S. Sadanand

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (RK&BS)- Dr. C.N. Manjunath, the Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, renowned as Jayadeva Hospital, is set to conclude his extended tenure of service in a week, on Jan. 31.

Dr. Manjunath has been a transformative figure in cardiac healthcare, breaking barriers to make it accessible to people from all walks of life, regardless of their financial status.

Under Dr. Manjunath's leadership, Jayadeva Hospital expanded its reach beyond its original facility in Bengaluru. It established hospitals in Tier-II cities like Mysuru and Kalaburagi and launched satellite centres at prominent Government Hospitals in Bengaluru and other districts. This expansion aimed at making quality cardiac care accessible to a wider population.

Dr. Manjunath's efforts have played a crucial role in raising awareness, particularly about heart care, a matter of utmost importance given the rising incidence of cardiac ailments, even among the youths. His work is particularly significant in addressing the growing concern of heart attacks and cardiac arrests contributing to a significant number of deaths.

Without compromising on the quality of service provided at Jayadeva akin to private hospitals, Dr. Manjunath has spearheaded the institute, offering the best of services related to open heart surgery, angiogram and angiography procedures, becoming a saviour at times to those suffering from cardiac ailments.

Treatment First, Fee Next

Under the concept 'Treatment First, Fee Next', every patient coming to Jayadeva will be diagnosed first before starting the treatment, through which several patients have got a new lease of life. Dr. Manjunath has ingrained a similar motto among the staff and colleague doctors. It is only after treating the patient, the focus will shift towards completing other formalities related to fee and other expenditures.

Individually Dr. Manjunath is known for his simple and affable behaviour, responding to the pain of others, exuding discipline, patience, leadership quality, transparency in administration and being dutiful, which all have contributed to uplifting the dignity of Jayadeva Hospital, thus earning a good name for the Government.

This fine workmanship of Dr. Manjunath struck a chord with those irrespective of party in power at the Government and also got an extension in service twice, even after attaining superannuation in service.

Search on for successor

Now, the Government is in the search of a worthy successor to Dr. Manjunath and has invited applications from those eligible for the post. A total of 23 eminent cardiac surgeons including Dr. Srinivas, Medical Superintendent of Jayadeva Hospital in Bengaluru and his Mysuru counterpart Dr. K.S. Sadanand are vying for the top post.

A worthy successor to Dr. Manjunath would embody certain essential qualities such as service-mindedness, unwavering professional commitment, compassion, and a dedication to responding to people regardless of their class or creed.

The primary objective for such a successor should be the treatment of patients with the ultimate goal of saving them from life-threatening situations. In the selection process, factors such as seniority, eligibility and professionalism must not be overlooked. The new Director should be someone who not only possesses requisite experience but also reflects ethos and values that define Jayadeva Hospital.

Many express confidence in the potential of Dr. Sadanand, who has effectively led Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru, aligning with the vision of Dr. Manjunath. Dr. Sadanand is seen as having the necessary qualities to take on the leadership role at the main facility, should the opportunity be extended to him.

Dream of a five-star heart facility realised: Dr. C.N. Manjunath

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (RK&BS)- Dr. C.N. Manjunath, who is due to complete his extended tenure as the Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, on Jan. 31, feels satisfied over fulfilling his dream of giving a hi-tech touch towards making Jayadeva Hospitals a five-star facility.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* over phone, Dr. Manjunath expressed his gratitude, stating, "I am thankful to the Government for the opportunity to serve as the Director of Jayadeva Hospital for 16 years."

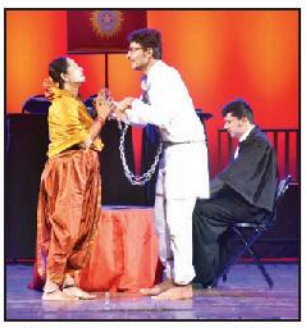
The hospital, initially with 300 beds, has now expanded its capacity to 1,000 beds, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The Government's support has been instrumental in the hospital's remarkable 500 percent development, establishing Jayadeva as Asia's largest cardiovascular institute. "It was my dream to elevate our hospital to a five-star facility, and I am pleased to see that dream realised," he added.

Till date, 75 lakh out-patients have been treated and 8 lakh surgeries have been conducted at the hospital. Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru began in 2010, with the unit hospitals also functioning at Malleswaram in Bengaluru and also ESI Hospitals. The works on constructing the hospital at Kalaburagi of Kalyana Karnataka Region (KKR) will be completed by April this year, he revealed.

"Poor patients are the real VIPs at the hospital which has the highest cardiologists, and is a matter of great satisfaction," said Dr. Manjunath.

"My tenure is nearing end and I am not exerting pressure on further extension of tenure. It is the prerogative of the Government to take a call on such matters of importance. The process for recruiting a new Director is on and our efforts will be fruitful if one who holds the mantle treats the poor with better service and saves the lives of the people," he said.

Staging of 'Karineera Veera' play on Jan. 29 and 30



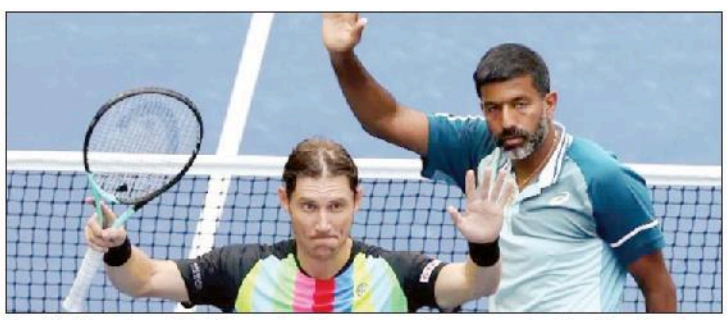
Mysuru, Jan. 25 (GA&VNS)- The Kannada play titled 'Karineera Veera,' based on the life story of freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, known as Veer Savarkar, will be staged at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises here on Jan. 29 and Jan. 30 at 6.30 pm.

Speaking to media persons here today, playwright and former Director of Rangayana Mysuru Addanda C. Cariappa, who has also directed the play, said that the play was authored after referring to Savarkar's biography, Indian Freedom Movement, former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's book 'Discovery of India' and other books.

Stating that the three-hour-long play is now been reduced by half-an-hour, Cariappa said the play would feature characters of Bhagat Singh, Subash Chandra Bose, apart from Savarkar.

Australian Open: Rohan Bopanna-Ebden pair enter men's doubles final

Melbourne, Jan. 25 (Agencies)- India's Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden reached the Australian Open men's doubles tennis final defeating Thomas Machac (Czech Republic) and Z.Z. Zhang (China) pair in a thrilling three-setter semi-final at Rod Laver Arena, here this morning.



The Indo-Australian pair won the first set comfortably 6-3 and lost the second set 3-6. The third set saw an intense fight taking it into a tie-breaker. Bopanna and Ebden held their nerves to win the tie-breaker 10-7 to enter the finals. Rohan Bopanna, who entered the finals, broke his own record of being the oldest man to enter a Grand Slam final. This is the first time that Rohan Bopanna has entered the Australian Open men's doubles final.

Rohan Bopanna and Ebden will face Italian pair S. Bolelli and A.Vavassori on Jan. 27. Viewers can catch the live action on Sony Sports Network.

Button blunder: CESC MD suspended

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However, even after pressing the button umpteen number of times, it went kaput, much to the embarrassment of CM and other dignitaries present during the programme. Anticipating successful launch, those present among the gathering also gave a big round of applause.

But, it came to know later that CESC authorities had not made adequate arrangements for the event, upon learning which CM turned red, with CESC MD also conspicuous by his absence at VIP programme.

Following a report from Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Under Secretary to Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR), Umadevi issued orders suspending CESC MD Sridhar for dereliction of duty and violation of protocol.

Manasagangothri gears up for 3-day Mysuru Fest-2024

Chitra Santhe, Flea Market, Food Fest opens tomorrow; painting competition on Jan. 27

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY,VNS& BCT)- Final preparations are underway for the three-day grand Mysuru Fest 2024. It will be a festival to showcase Brand Mysuru filled with art, culture and culinary delights and scheduled to take place from Jan. 26 to Jan. 28 at the University of Mysore Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri.

The University campus, especially from the Kuvempu Statue entrance gate till the Clock Tower and the road that leads to the Open Air Theatre, is being decorated and will be illuminated in the evening ahead of the festival jointly organised by the Department of Tourism and the District Tourism Development Committee.

The celebrations commence with the opening ceremonies of Chitra Santhe, Flea Market, and the Mysuru Food Festival at 11 am on Jan. 26. Chitra Santhe will unfold along both sides of the road leading to the Clock Tower, creating a vibrant artistic ambiance.

The open ground near the Clock Tower is transforming into a lively venue for the Food Festival and Flea Market. German Tent stalls are being set up on both sides of the road, under the comforting shade of trees, leading to the Open Air Theatre.

Local products priority

The stalls at the event prioritise the sale of locally crafted items from Mysuru, featuring a diverse range of handicrafts, specialty foods, artworks from small-scale industries, baskets woven from locally sourced materials and unique home decor items.

Furthermore, the event highlights Mysuru's products with distinctive Geographical Indication (GI) tags. Visitors can explore and purchase items such as Mysore Betel Leaf, Mysore Jasmine, Mysore Paintings, Mysore Sandal Soap, Nanjangud Banana, Mysore Mallige (Jasmine), Mysore Silk Sarees, Mysore Agarbathi (Incense Sticks), Mysore Rosewood Inlay and Mysore Sandalwood Oil.

This morning, Tourism Department Joint Director M.K. Savitha and Research Officer of Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) H.S. Bindiya and others visited the spot and took stock of the preparations. Over 50 volunteers have been appointed for the smooth conduct of the festival.

Daily fee of Rs. 5,000

Each stall will be charged a daily fee of Rs. 5,000. For the entire three-day duration, stallholders are required to pay a total of Rs. 15,000. Currently, an initial payment of Rs. 5,000 has been collected from each stall.

"If the sales prove to be lucrative over the three days, the full amount of Rs. 15,000 will be collected. However, in the event of a less encouraging response from buyers, a 'reasonable' adjusted amount will be charged," Savitha said.

While the inaugural day events will be opened on Jan. 26 by Social Welfare and District Incharge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, on Jan. 27, cultural programmes will be inaugurated by Tourism Minister H.K. Patil at 7 pm in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and other dignitaries.

Cultural events

The cultural programmes feature violin fusion, 'chande' beats, and a dance performance by 'Chemmeen Band' between 5 pm and 7 pm, followed by a music concert featuring singers Prithvi and Hamsika Iyer and composer Manikanth Kadri from 8 pm to 10 pm.

On Jan. 28, a 'Comedy Durbar' programme will be presented between 6 pm and 8 pm by artistes Hiremagaluru Kannan, Sudha Baragur, Dundiraj, 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru, 'Mimicry' Gopi, 'Mimicry' Dayanand, Prof. M. Krishnegowda, M.S. Narasimhamurthy, Richard Louis and other artistes of Siri Kannada channel. The festival will conclude with a live concert by singer Santosh Venky and his team.

Painting competition on Jan. 27

As part of Mysuru Fest - 2024, the Department of Tourism is hosting a painting competition themed 'Our Heritage, Your Destination - Mysuru District' on Jan 27.

The event will take place in front of the Department of Studies in Mathematics at the University of Mysuru campus in Manasagangothri. Interested participants can submit their applications by visiting ***https://forms.gle/BbWdJUzv1uFAeuXb8***

Students in the 8th to 12th grades are eligible to participate and spot registration is also available. Participants are required to carry their ID cards issued by their educational institutions.

The competition is scheduled for 90 minutes, from 9.30 am to 11 am. The organisers have announced bicycles and trophies as prizes for the top three winners.

For additional details, interested individuals can follow the Tourism Department's Facebook and Instagram pages at *visit_mysuru* or contact 74115-64510, according to a press release from Tourism Department Assistant Director T.K. Harish.

National Voters Day celebrated

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (RK&VNS)- Youth play an important in safeguarding the democracy, said Javagal Srinath, former International Cricketer and Brand Ambassador of Mysuru District Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee, here this morning.

Addressing the National Voters Day celebrations organised by SVEEP District Committee at Kalamandira, he called upon the students attaining 18 years to compulsorily enrol themselves in the electoral roll and actively take part in the election process to strengthen the democracy.

He also urged the students to encourage others to take part in the election process considered to be sacred.

Earlier, National Voters Day celebration was inaugurated by Principal District and Sessions Judge Prabhavathi M. Hiremath. District Legal Services Authority (DSLA) Member Secretary B.G. Dinesh, Mysuru District SVEEP Ambassador Kushi, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Additional DC R. Lokanath, MCC Council Secretary Rangaswamy, DDPU Mariswamy, DDPI H.K. Pandu and others officials were present.

Prior to the event, more than 500 students took part in an awareness jatha from University of Mysore Athletic Grounds (Oval Grounds). The jatha was flagged off by Mysuru City Corporation Deputy Commissioner (Administration) G.S. Somashekar.

Students holding placards created awareness on the importance of voting throughout the jatha which culminated at Kalamandira premises.

The National Voters' Day is being celebrated on Jan.25 every year since 2011 to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (ECI), i.e. on Jan.25, 1950. The main purpose of the celebration is to create electoral awareness amongst citizens and encourage them to participate in the electoral process.

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Resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away on 24th January 2024.

Deeply Mourned by : Wife, Sons, Grand Children and a host of Relatives and Friends

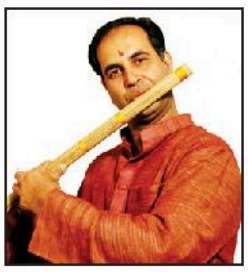
Musical evening tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 25- 'Raag Milan' has organised a musical evening on Jan. 26 at 5.30 pm at Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, 581/1, 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Vijayanagar, 3rd Stage.

The evening will commence with a flute recital by eminent flautist of Mysuru, Ravi Shankar Mishra, followed by a violin recital by Indradeep Ghosh (Kolkata). The artistes will be accompanied on tabla by Pandit Gourisankar (Texas).

The event will conclude with the album launch of 'YATRA - My musical journey' by Ravi Shankar Mishra, which is a soulful rendition of meditative music.

***Sur Mani* Ravi Shankar Mishra** is one of the finest flautists of the young generation. He started his music lessons with his father Pandit Dinesh Chandra Mishra. In 1994, he was fortunate to be accepted as a disciple of flute maestro Pandit Nityanand Haldipur (Mumbai) who belongs to the lineage of legendary flautist Pandit Pannalal Ghosh. He has been fortunate to receive guidance from late *Padma Bhushan* Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan whom he reveres as his mentor and guide. He is a regular performer for Yoga students and music lovers. Ravi has performed extensively in India and abroad, he has also performed at UNESCO (Paris).



Ravi Shankar Mishra

Indradeep Ghosh

Pandit Gourisankar

Hindustani Classical Violin and Tabla Concert on Jan. 27

Mysuru, Jan. 25 - Bhakti Gaurava Gita Centre is organising Hindustani Classical Violin and Tabla Concert on Jan. 27 at 6.30 pm at Bhakti Gaurava Gita Centre, #2633, 2nd Main, Vontikoppal, Mysuru. The concert will be presented by violin artiste Pandit Indradeep Ghosh and tabla artiste Pandit Gourisankar.

Pandit Gourisankar, born in a family of musicians, has been studying tabla since the age of 3, under the able guidance of his father Shiv Shankar Karmakar. Since 1979, he has been under the tutelage of Pandit Sanka Chatterjee. He is also an 'A' grade artiste of All India Radio (AIR). In 2008, he established the School of Indian Percussion and Music in Austin, Texas. He has accompanied eminent artistes, such as Hariprasad Chaurasia, Ronu Mazumdar, Rahul Sharma, Shahid Parvez and many more.

Titled as 'Prince of Violin,' **Indradeep Ghosh** is one of the premier violinist and one and only Indian Classical Violist of India and a trailblazer for the Maihar Gharana. He is one of the few Indian Classical Violinist and one and only Indian Classical Violist to play a unique, custom made five-string Violin and Viola with eight sympathetic strings. Over the years he has extensively performed all over the world and was featured in some notable events including the 10th Asia Festival in Barcelona, SXSW Music Festival at Austin, USA, Learn Quest Music Festival, Boston and many more. He is an 'A' grade artiste of All India Radio and performs regularly for National Radio and TV Channel in India. He has created new Ragas called Ganapati, Indradhanush and Hamsavahini.

Bahuroopi: Rangayana Mysuru invites theatre groups

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (VNS)- Rangayana Mysuru has invited applications from theatre groups from Karnataka and others States to take part in Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival to be organised between Mar. 7 and 11 its premises in city.

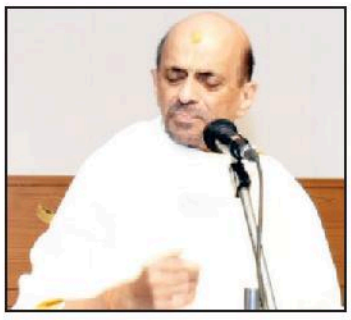
Interested theatre groups, irrespective of the languages, can download the applications by visiting ***https://rangayanamysore.karnataka.gov.in*** and submit the filled-in application to Ranayana along with the copy of the plays staged in a DVD or pen drive within Feb. 5. Theatre groups can also submit their applications along with the *YouTube* link to *bahuroopifestival@gmail.com*

Selected teams will be provided travel allowance and honorarium, according to a press release from the Rangayana Dy. Director.

Grand Karnatak vocal concert by Dr. Vidyabhushana on Jan. 26

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised Karnatak vocal concert by Vidwan Dr. Vidyabhushana tomorrow (Jan. 26) at 6 pm in memory of S. Lakshamma and Tippur Narasimhachar (sponsored by Dr. Srinivas N. Kumar) at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar here.

He will be accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, according to a press release.



Vidwan Dr. Vidyabhushana

Vid. Sumanth

Vid. Shivashankar Swamy

Vid. Manjunath

Republic Day Flower Show at Raja's Seat in Madikeri

Paadi Igguthappa Temple to bloom in 5 lakh flowers

Madikeri, Jan. 25 (PS&BCT)- A vibrant Fruit and Flower Show is scheduled to take place at the renowned tourist destination Raja's Seat in Madikeri from Jan. 26 to 28 as part of the Republic Day celebrations. The Kodagu Horticulture Department is actively engaged in necessary preparations.

The Raja's Seat garden will be adorned with a total of 20 varieties comprising 15,000 flowering plants, including chrysanthemum, salvia, orchids, daisies, marigold, zinnia, dianthus, vinca rosea, or Madagascar Periwinkle, Cockscomb, and dahlia, all meticulously grown in pots and trays.

The main attraction of this year's show will be Kodagu's ancient temple Sri Paadi Igguthappa Temple, located at Kakkabbe. The 15-feet-tall floral replica with length and width of 48 feet and 28 feet respectively will be designed using roses, chrysanthemums and orchids. Over five lakh flowers will be used to create the model.

In celebration of Republic Day, the event will feature impressive models depicting soldiers, cannons, and various exhibits showcasing the prowess of the country's Armed Forces. Additionally, butterfly wings, balloons, and mushroom models will captivate visitors. For children, there will be special attractions featuring popular cartoon characters like Chhota Bheem, Barbie Doll, Spider-Man, and Bat-Man crafted from an assortment of vibrant flowers.

A total of 13 diverse exhibits have been meticulously planned, utilising over 8 lakh flowers to bring these models to life. Within the garden premises, an array of decorative flower pots will be artistically arranged, forming a breathtaking display of fruits and flowers.

This year, Republic Day coincides with the fourth Saturday and Sunday public holidays, leading to an anticipated significant influx of both tourists and locals. The event promises to be a delightful experience for all who attend, with the vibrant floral displays and creative exhibits adding a touch of magic to the celebration.

In addition to the flower-adorned artefacts and creatively arranged photo frames, a designated selfie zone is under construction to enhance the visitor experience. Furthermore, the event will pay tribute to distinguished personalities from diverse fields through unique artworks crafted from fruits and vegetables, adding a distinctive touch to the exhibition.

Enthusiasts can also anticipate the inclusion of ornamental plants, including bonsai and ikebana flower arrangements, contributing to the overall visual appeal of the exhibition. With these diverse elements, the event promises to provide a captivating and visually enriching experience for all attendees.

Ram Mandir won't help BJP in LS polls: CM

CM Siddaramaiah addressing a press meet at his T.K. Layout residence in city this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&DM)- Maintaining that the construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya will not politically benefit BJP in the forthcoming Lok Sabha (LS) polls, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the issue in fact, will boomerang on that party.

Addressing a press meet at his residence in T.K. Layout here this morning, Siddaramaiah contended that Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated an incomplete Ram Mandir to gain a political mileage in LS polls. But it will instead bommerang on the BJP's political game plans, as the people of the country are closely watching the developments concerning Ram Mandir. He pointed out that, the people of the country will cast their ballots in keeping with the aspirations of the Constitution as they have accepted it.

Caste census: Replying to a question on caste census, the CM said "I do not know much about the census report. The Jayaprakash Hegde headed Backward Classes Commission has not sought time from the Government for submitting its report. However, the Government will give time if sought and will later accept it. No one has read the report and as such nobody can speak about it. It is wrong to say the report is unscientific without going through it."

Referring to reports that former CM Jagadish Shettar may return to BJP, Siddaramaiah said Shettar himself has time and again clarified that he will not return to BJP which insulted him. Shettar would not go to the BJP again despite all the efforts by that party to woo him back to its fold, the CM asserted.

One Nation, One Poll: Commenting on the ongoing 'One Nation, One Poll' debate, the CM said we have to see whether the idea is practical in the first place. Pointing out that, it is important to see whether the idea is within the limits of the Constitution, he said that protecting and following the Constitution is the need of the hour. Observing that efforts are being made to belittle the Constitution, he said the youths of the country are watching all the developments.

Rahul's Yatra: Referring to filing of First Information Report (FIR) against Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi in Assam, Siddaramaiah said that the BJP Government in Assam is making all efforts to scuttle Rahul's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. Stating that he strongly condemns the Assam Government's action, he said that the Government has resorted to undemocratic means to scuttle the Yatra as it fears the huge popularity the Yatra is gaining in that State.

Boards and Corporations: Responding to appointment to Boards and Corporations, the CM merely said that the list will be released only after the party High Command gives its nod.

Constitution Day: The CM further said that, marking the 75th anniversary of the Constitution Day, a Constitution awareness Jatha will be taken out in the State from Jan. 26 to Feb. 23, Constitution Workshop and Expo on Feb. 24 and 25 (morning) and Constitution mega convention in Bengaluru on Feb. 25 evening.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MLAs Tanveer Sait, K. Harishgowda and D. Ravishankar, former MLAs H.P. Manjunath and M.K. Somashekar, former MP Kagalawadi M. Shivanna and former ZP President K. Marigowda were present.

CM holds one-to-one meeting with Congress MLAs from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar

In an interesting development, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah soon after concluding his press meet, held an unscheduled one-to-one meeting with his party MLAs from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts. The meeting assumes significance in the wake of selection of Congress candidates for Mysuru-Kodagu and Chamarajanagar (SC Reserve) Constituencies for the forthcoming LS polls and also concerning reports that the BJP may carry out 'Operation Lotus' to poach the ruling party MLAs after the LS polls in a bid to topple Congress Government.

Kodagu to get Sub-Regional Science Centre, Planetarium

- Rs. 9.7 crore project first proposed in 2022; cost now escalates to Rs. 12.26 crore
- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to lay foundation stone later today

Kushalnagar, Jan. 25 (Akshay & BCT)- Madikeri, often referred to as the Scotland of India, is on the brink of witnessing a ground-breaking development with the establishment of a state-of-the-art Sub-Regional Science Centre and Planetarium.

The Department of Science and Technology is spearheading this endeavour, at an estimated cost of approximately Rs. 12.26 crore. The foundation stone for this significant project will be laid today (Jan. 25) by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at 4 pm.

Situated amidst 3 acres of pristine land in Karnangeri village, Madikeri, the facility is poised to boast an 8-metre dome dedicated to constructing the planetarium. Minister of Minor Irrigation, Science and Technology, N.S. Boseraju, who is also the Kodagu District Minister, underscored Madikeri's unique advantage of minimal light disturbance at night, making it an ideal location for observing stars and planets.

In a press release, Boseraju emphasised the Department's commitment to promoting science and technology, fostering scientific education, nurturing rational thinking, and enhancing awareness about astronomy. The initiative is geared towards establishing science centres and planetariums across district centres in the State.

With its unpolluted skies and negligible light interference, Kodagu district provides an exceptional environment for stargazing. Minister Boseraju drew parallels between Kodagu and other picturesque locations such as Spiti Valley in Himachal Pradesh, Pangong Tso Lake in Ladakh, Run of Kutch in Gujarat, Nile Island in Andaman and Nicobar, and Matheran in Maharashtra.

The sub-regional science centre and planetarium project aim to kindle interest in space exploration and offer valuable educational opportunities to students in the district.

Proposed in 2022

The Sub-Regional Science Centre and Planetarium was proposed for the first time in 2022 and the then Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.C. Sathish had secured approval from the BJP Government and the Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTPS).

The project was estimated to be established with Rs. 9.7 crore. While Rs. 4 crore was approved for the Science Centre, Rs. 5.7 crore was reserved for the mini Planetarium. Now the cost has been escalated to Rs. 12.26 crore.

The construction was to adhere to environment-friendly practices and the buildings were proposed to be designed to harmonise with the geographical and weather conditions of Kodagu district. The Science Centre was proposed to have an outdoor area specifically designed for children, providing them with a hands-on learning experience through scientific experiments.

'Samvidhana Jagruti Jatha' to be launched in city

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Marking the 75th year of the Republic Day (Constitution Day), the District administration, in association with Zilla Panchayat, Urban Development Department, Mysuru City Corporation, Social Welfare Department and local bodies, will be launching a 'Samvidhana Jagruti Jatha' in the city tomorrow (Jan. 26).

District Incharge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will launch the Jatha that will be accompanied by two tableaux, at Bannimantap Torchlight Parade grounds at 11.30 am.

The Constitution Awareness Jatha (mass awareness) is being taken out in all the 31 districts of the State.

The Jatha will have a LED mobile van that will play multi-media on the essence of the Constitution and other connected things specific to the districts.

Accordingly, the Mysuru district Jatha will have two tableaux of K.R. Nagar. The Jatha will travel through the entire district and reach every Gram Panchayat of the district, thus involving elected members at the grassroots level.

After travelling across the district till Feb. 23, the Jatha will culminate with a mega Constitution awareness convention at Bengaluru on Feb. 25, according to a press release.

Kadali Mahila Vedike's anniversary tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (GA&TRR)- Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat City President M.G. Sadanandaiah has said that the anniversary celebration of Kadali Mahila Vedike is organised tomorrow (Jan. 26) at 10.30 am at JSS Women's College's Navajyothi auditorium, Saraswathipuram in the city.

Presentation of Kadali Sri Award and release of books will also be held at the function, added M.G. Sadanandaiah while speaking to press persons at Patrakartara Bhavan in the city on Tuesday.

President of Bengaluru Basava Samiti Aravinda Jatti will inaugurate the programme and will be graced by Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. Five books written by Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Awardee writer Rishi Shiv Prasanna will be released by Dr. G.R. Channabasappa, said Sadanandaiah.

Later, the Kadali Sri Award will be presented to Padma Shri B.Jayashri. Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. C. Somashekar will preside.

Helavara Hundi Siddappa and Sharada Shivlingaswamy will be present. Hosamutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji (Natraraja Swamiji) will deliver the valedictory address at 4 pm, said Sadanandaiah.

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12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.00 am	7.50 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.20 am	8.00 am	Monday
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily Passenger
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	12.50 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.00 am	12.10 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.55 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50 pm	4.35 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.50 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	4.55 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.15 pm	Daily Except Wed
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.40 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.30 pm	6.30 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.45 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	4.55 pm	8.20 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	8.55 pm	Daily
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.45 am	Daily
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.00 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	2.00 am	Sunday

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06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	12.58 am	3.25 am	Sunday
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.50 am	3.20 am	Thursday
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.15 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.40 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.45 am	7.20 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.25 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.45 am	8.00 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.50 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.35 am	9.30 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	7.15 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	8.00 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.20 am	11.45 am	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.35 am	11.15 am	Daily
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.40 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.15 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.45 am	1.00 pm	Except Wed
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.15 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.30 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.50 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.15 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.45 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.35 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
06255	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.50 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	9.00 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.15 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.15 am	Tue & Sun

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16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.15 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.35 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
06268 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.25 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.30 pm	Daily
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	9.50 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	8.45 pm	5.55 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Dharwad	Mysuru	8.25 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	4.50 pm	Daily
16207 (Exp)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	4.45 pm (Hassan)	8.10 pm	Daily
06267	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	9.50 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
07327	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	5.00 am	6.35 am	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.20 am (Mys)	9.10 am	Daily
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
06300	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.05 am	Daily
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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

The God who sprouted hair

A king would visit the temple every morning to receive flowers offered to the deity at dawn, when the temple doors opened. But one day, the priest was so busy enjoying the company of the temple dancer that he forgot to perform the morning rituals. When the king arrived, he hurriedly gave the king flowers that adorned the dancer's hair. The king accepted them, but then noticed a single strand of hair on them.

On questioning, the frightened priest lied. He said that sometimes, the deity sprouts hair at night. The king did not believe the priest and realised that the rumours were true, that the priest was having an affair with the temple dancer. And instead of performing the rituals for which he had been employed, was spending more of his time with the dancer. So, the king told the priest that he would like to see the deity sprouting hair, and so would visit the temple at night. That night, the priest knew that he would be killed by the king. And he spent the whole day weeping in front of the Lord, performing the rituals the one last time. At night, the king arrived and stayed to mount an all-night vigil along with the priests, and no one else was allowed into the temple. And lo and behold, just before daybreak, the deity sprouted hair!

The king thought this was some trick and therefore plucked one of the hairs, but noticed blood on its roots indicating that this was really the deity's hair. The priest was telling the truth. The priest fainted as he realised the compassionate deity had come to his rescue despite him being a liar. The fame of the temple spread far and wide, because of the deity who helps even unworthy devotees.

This story is stored in different parts of India. It is linked to temples found in

Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Odisha. The deity at the temple is sometimes Shiva and sometimes Vishnu. The image is either a Shivalinga or the four-armed Vishnu. These stories are part of the *bhakti* traditions that became widespread after the 15th century across India.

The story draws attention to the concept of contamination. The presence of human hair in the flowers offered to the deity is a pollutant. As temple culture rose in India, there also rose simultaneously ideas of purity, impurity and contamination. The temple precinct had to be pure and those who entered the holiest of the holies, that is the Brahmins, had to be pure too.

Offerings made to god could not be touched by humans other than the priest or the temple servants. You weren't allowed to smell the flowers, you weren't allowed to wear the flowers, smell or taste the food offerings. Temple servants like priests lived in isolation, constantly purifying themselves with baths, chants and rituals, shunning the impure. This is how the idea of untouchability emerged.

For the opposite of the pure priest who adorned and fed the gods was the impure villager who kept the village clean — removing garbage, excrement and corpses of animals and humans. He lived outside the village. He was the Chandala, who consumed all things impure and so was deemed impure, polluted, unworthy of touch.

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'Festival of Diamonds' offer at Tanishq

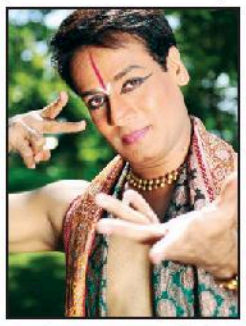
The 'Festival of Diamonds' offer at Tanishq was inaugurated recently by its esteemed customers by lighting the traditional lamp at Tanishq Mysore Showroom on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, in the presence of Sasitharan (Franchise) and Vinod Kumar (Manager). On purchase of diamond jewellery, customers can avail upto 20% off on diamond jewellery value. They can also exchange any old gold for beautiful new Tanishq diamond jewellery. The offer will be available till Mar. 4, 2024.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 25)

- **Save Devaraja Market Team:** Heritage Walk as part of Save Devaraja Market campaign, Dufferin Clock *(Chikka Gadiyara)*, **5 pm.** [Mob: 87227-04400]

- **Nrityalaya Trust:** Navilu Payana-45 - Haridasa Sahitya

Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra



Satyanarayana Raju

Sangeetha Nritya Sambhrama, Sri Hari Bhajan by Nrityalaya troupe, **5 pm;** 'Mukhachali' dance by senior students, **5.30 pm;** Stage programme, Music University VC Prof. Nagesh Bettakote chief guest, Nrityalaya Trust President Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra presides, felicitation to Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote (theatre field) and Karnataka Kalashree Satyanarayana Raju (dance field) and Dr. Pratibha Pereira (medical field), **5.40 pm;** 'Narthana Neenada' by junior and senior students of Nrityalaya Trust, **6.50 pm;** 'Sri Ramakatha' - subject-based solo Bharatanatyam recital, choreography by *Karnataka Kalashree* Satyanarayana Raju, Bengaluru, concept by Dr. R.K. Usha, music composer-vocal & natuvanga support by Vid. D.S. Srivatsa, mridanga by Vid. Vidyashankar, flute by Vid. Raghunandan Ramakrishna and lights by Vid. M.J. Naveen, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.30 pm.**

- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Monthly Moonlight Music-263,

Vidu. Sangeeta Katti

Pt. Umakanth

Pt. Vishwanath

vocal concert by Vidu. Sangeeta Katti, accompanied by Pt. Umakanth Puranik on harmonium and Pt. Vishwanath Nakod on tabla, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

- **Chinmaya Mission:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata - 11th Skanda,' Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

- **Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Club of Mysore West:** 26th Annual Music Festival-2024, Vocal Concert by winner of Mosale Krishnamurthy Memorial Raga-Tana-Pallavi Competition; Presentation by participants of workshop, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

- **Infant Jesus Church, Pushpagiri, Belavatta:** 43rd Annual Feast of Infant Jesus, flag hoisting and Holy Eucharist Sacrament by Rev. Fr. M. Anthappa, Parish Priest, Infant Jesus Church, Nanjangud, Infant Jesus Church premises, Pushpagiri, **6 pm.**

- **Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar:** 58th Annual Taipuja Mahotsava 2024, Utsava, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 26)

- **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU):** 75th Republic Day celebrations, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase presides, retd. UoM VC Prof. J. Shashidharprasad chief guest, KSOU Registrar Dr. KLN Murthy will be present, Administrative Block, KSOU premises, **7.30 am.**

- **Sri Nataraja Pratishtana - Sri Nataraja Educational Institutions:** 75th R-Day celebrations, Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, ex-Serviceman Neelakantakumar Shetty hoists the National Flag, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, College premises, **8 am.**

- **Infant Jesus Church, Pushpagiri, Belavatta:** 43rd Annual Feast of Infant Jesus, Feast Day Holy Mass by Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop Emeritus of Bangalore, Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Mysore, **8 am;** Mass by Rev. Fr. George Deepak, Parish Priest, St. Michael's Church, Madikeri, **5 pm;** Procession in honour of Infant Jesus followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Infant Jesus Church premises, Pushpagiri, **6.45 pm.**

- **Srikantha Educational Institutions - Sri K.N. Varadaraja Iyengar Memorial Trust:** R-Day celebrations, Srikantha Girls High School in-Charge Head Mistress G. Gayathri hoists National Flag, Sri K.N. Varadaraja Iyengar Memorial Trust President R.G. Narasimha Iyengar presides, Educational Institutions premises, Shankar Mutt Layout, Khille Mohalla, **8.15 am.**

- **Madhava Park Geleyara Balaga, Ramakrishnanagar:** R-Day celebrations, hoisting of National Flag and Sudha Ramesh Kumar's book release, Madhava Park Geleyara Balaga Member and Gejje Hejje Uday Kumar will be present, Madhava Park Geleyara Balaga premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **8.30 pm.**

- **Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions:** R-Day celebrations, Institutions Administrative Board Senior Member S.L. Ramachandra hoists the National Flag, retd. CFTRI Director Dr. V. Prakash chief guest, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **8.30 am.**

- **Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI):** Republic Day celebrations, MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju hoists National Flag, MCCI premises, No. 54, D. Devaraja Urs Road, **8.30 am.**

- **Janahita Sangha:** 75th R-Day celebrations, Janahita Sangha Member Manjula chief guest, Janahita Sangha Member S. Javarappa will be present, Janahita Sangha premises, Bogadi 2nd Stage, **9 am.**

- **Department of Tourism and District Tourism Development Committee:** Mysuru Fest 2024, inauguration of Chithra Santhe, Flea Market and Mysuru Food Festival by Social Welfare and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, University of Mysore Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **11 am;** Chithra Santhe, **8 am to 8 pm;** Flea Market, **10 am to 9 pm;** Mysuru Food Festival, **10 am to 9 pm.**

- **Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar:** 58th Annual Taipuja Mahotsava 2024, Annasantarpane, Temple premises, **12 noon.**

- **Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Club of Mysore West:** 26th Annual Music Festival-2024, Karnataka Classical Instrumental Music by Vidu. Mysore Rajalakshmi (veena), Vid. A. Radhesh (mridanga) and Vid. Shamith Gowda (ghata), Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

EVENTS ON SATURDAY (JAN. 27)

- **Venkateshwara Grameenabhivrudhi Trust, T. Narasipur and Kaveri Sports Club:** Inauguration of two-day District-Level Floodlight Volleyball Tournament by former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Dr. Siddalinga Shivacharya Swamiji presides, APMC premises, Mysuru-Nanjangud Road, **4 pm.**

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Ishtanathananda speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

- **Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Club of Mysore West:** 26th Annual Music Festival-2024, Karnatak Classical Music by Vidu. Shubhalakshmi Krishnamurthy (vocal), Vid. M.S. Sughosh (violin), Vid. Sanjay Tharanathan (mridanga) and Vid. S. Manjunath (ghata), Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kakanakote,' written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

- **Department of Tourism and District Tourism Development Committee:** Mysuru Fest 2024, violin fusion, chande recital, dance by Chemmeen Band, **5 pm and 7 pm;** Inauguration of cultural programmes by Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh will be present, MPs Pratap Simmha, V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish chief guests, University of Mysore Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **7 pm.**

- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

Enters India's World Records for ambidextrous writing skills

Mysuru, Jan. 25- A. Chirasvi Balasubramanian of Mysuru has entered India's World Records, Jharkhand, as the 'Youngest kid with remarkable ambidextrous writing skills.' Ambidextrous skill is the ability to write in both hands simultaneously.

Born on 24.1.2018, the 6-year-old wrote English alphabets A-Z capital letters and small letters, Kannada alphabets, Numbers 50-1 (in reverse order) and also she drew sketches like Hut, Bird etc., with both the hands simultaneously. She also showed this unique skill on stage.

She has also given stage performance during Children's Day celebrations at her school; at MyBuild Expo 23; at Balodyana Public School Mysuru and also at NVS Creations 8th Anniversary celebration on the occasion of Cultural Competition Session-7, Mysuru.

A. Chirasvi Balasubramanian

A UKG student at Vidya Vardhaka Samithi, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, Chirasvi is the daughter of A.V. Balasubramanian and K.R. Kavitha, residents of Devaraj Mohalla in city.

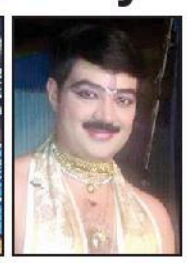
EPFO's Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0: District Outreach Programme

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 will be conducted by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, on Jan. 29 from 9 am onwards at Ideal Jawa Rotary School, Krishna Vilas Road, Subbarayanakere, Chamarajpuram, along with Abhinava Bharathi Composite PU College, Chamundeshwarinagar, Mandya and Dispensary-Cum-Branch Office (DCBO), ESIC, #11/B, 1st Cross, Bhramarambha Extension Layout, Chamarajanagar.

Stakeholders like PF Members, Pensioners, Employers etc., may attend the programme for awareness, queries and information.

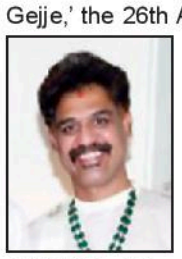
For details, contact Ph: 0821-2599200 / 222 or e-mail: *ro.mysore@epfindia.gov.in* or visit Social Media Platform *(@epfomysore)* of Regional Office, according to a press release from the Regional PF Commissioner, Regional Office, Mysuru.

'Hejje-Gejje' National Dance Festival in city on Jan. 28



Vid. Sudhir & Vidu. Manasi *Dr. Sanjay Shantaram* *Dilip Raj & Srividya Raj*

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters, Mysuru, has organised 'Hejje-Gejje,' the 26th Annual National Dance Festival at MMC&RI's Platinum Jubilee auditorium in J.K. Grounds, opposite Railway Station, on Jan. 28 from 5 pm. Around 350 artistes will present 'Deva-Devi Vaibhava' Nrityotsava on the occasion.



Vid. Sridhar Jain

Yaduveer Wadiyar of Mysore Royal Family and noted music director and singer Guru Kiran will inaugurate the event in the presence of Guru Vid. Sridhar Jain, Managing Director of Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters.

On the occasion, 'Hejje Gejje' awards will be conferred on Vid. Sudhir and Vidu. Manasi Sudhir, Bharatanatyam artiste-couple of Nrithyanikethana Kodavoor, Udupi; *Kala Arati Ratna* Dr. Sanjay Shantaram, noted artiste and Founder of Shivapriya School of Dance, Bengaluru and Dilip Raj and Srividya Raj, actor, director and producer couple, Bengaluru.

S. Balaji, Principal, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Harsha of Tholasi Jewels, Mysuru, T.V. Venkatesh, Urja Foods, Mysuru, Rajesh Jain, IJ Convention Hall, Mysuru, Dr. R. Basavaraj, Nirmala Hospital, Mysuru, Dr. H.R. Sanjay, Rajashekar Hospital, Mysuru and Dr. M.V. Girish Kumar, Shubhodaya Hospital, Mysuru, will also be felicitated at the programme.

WORD OF THE DAY

Circumspect

Pronunciation: SER-kum-spekt.
Meaning: Someone described as circumspect is careful to consider all circumstances and risks before doing or saying something.
Origin: Circumspect may not be the most common of words, but its Latin forebears have made quite a mark on our language. That's because circumspect combines two major players in the Latin branch of the English language's pedigree: circum-, meaning "around," and specere, meaning "to look." Just look around, and you'll find that English is brimming with descendants of these Latin gems. Open your paper dictionary to circumspect and behold with your own eyes the thirty circum- entries that surround it, such as circumference, circumscribe, and circumnavigate. Then flip on over to spectacular for a little peek at the many words for which English has specere to thank, including spectacle, spectrum, and spectator. Latin lovers: we see you!
Example: "As a narrator, [Martin] Baron is at once circumspect—his memoir reveals nearly nothing of his life outside the newsroom—and brimming with astringent disclosure." — Nathan Heller

THE ODD WORD

Calcimine

To whitewash.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cast iron stomach

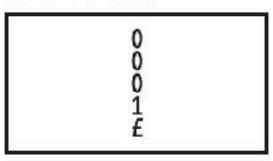
Meaning: You use the phrase "Cast iron stomach" to describe someone who can eat all kinds of things without ever feeling sick. A person with a cast iron stomach, supposedly never experiences stomach aches.
Origin: This phrase 'Cast iron stomach' became known around the early 1900s. Cast iron is a type of metal that is regularly used in cooking.
Example: "It's too spicy for me, but John will love it: He has a cast iron stomach!"

QUOTE BOX

No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach. **—William Cowper**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Grandstand.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Exclamation of contempt
4 Rockers Stone Temple Pilots in short
7 Horned animal
11 Pindar piece
12 ___ - out : experimental test?
13 "Waterloo" group
14 Supervisor
17 Naval Off. In Charge
18 Spoke slightingly of, brought discredit on
20 Grant or permit
22 A muscle or sinew
23 Tell an untruth
24 Angry
27 Vex or molest
31 Small N. American wolf
33 Custom; practice
34 Chinese frying pan
35 Half (prefix)
37 Metric weight
39 They keep to themselves
42 Roman 57
43 Disappears
46 Top-notch (1-3)
47 Common connector
48 Prefix meaning equal
49 __ Rabbit: cartoon character?
50 Gambler's haven ___ Vegas
51 Female swan

DOWN
1 Cry of disapproval
2 Advocate, in short
3 Precipitate
4 A footfall
5 Nice surprise
6 This victory is too costly
7 Ship's boarding plank
8 Musical instrument
9 Ex-India all-rounder __ Ali
10 Tic ___ toe : children's game ?
15 SA river ___ Grande
16 Nautical dir.
19 Prefix meaning `to do with aircraft'
20 High mountain
21 In ___ of : as a substitute for?
25 Centre of population
26 Famous school
28 More appetizing
29 German river
30 Dismissal from office
32 Supplement
36 Ex-Mrs. Trump
37 Numerical prefix
38 Officers Training School, acronym
39 Welsh boy's name
40 How many players in a baseball team?
41 Concludes
42 Chemist's workroom in short
44 Opp. of WNW
45 Male child

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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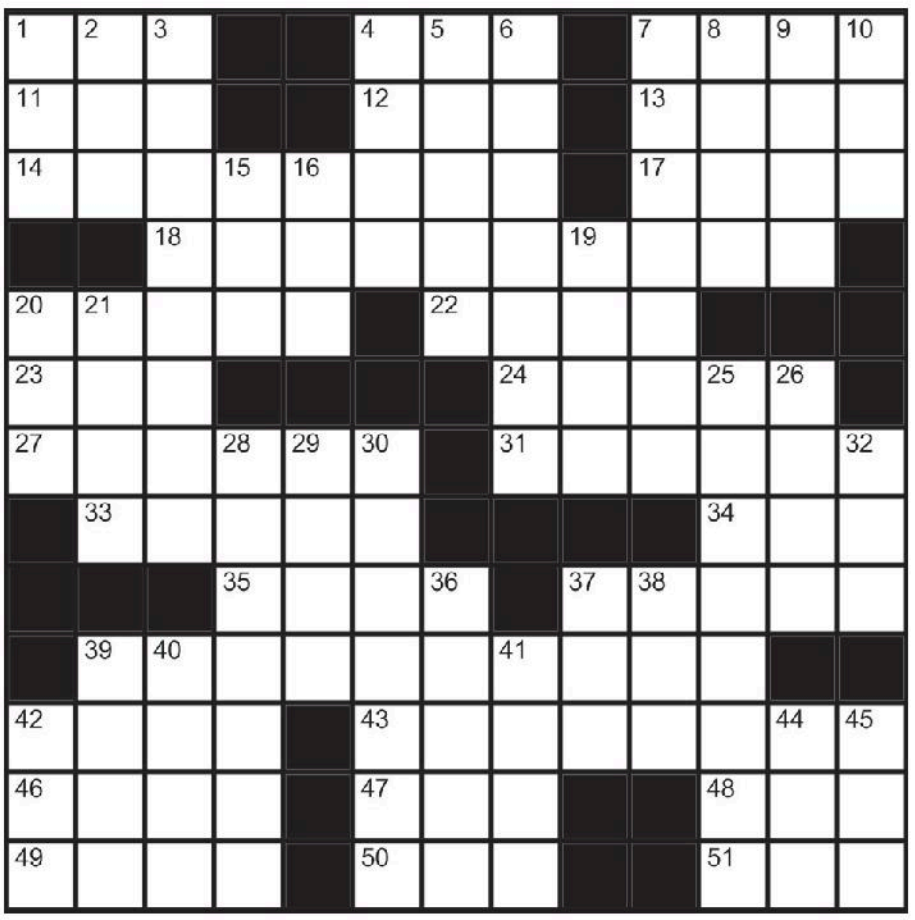

SUDOKU

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		5		8		3		
	9			4		2	6	
3					5			
			8					9
		2			6	7		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	9	3	4	5	8	2	7
3	7	8	9	6	2	5	1	4
2	5	4	7	1	8	6	9	3
8	1	2	4	7	6	3	5	9
6	3	5	8	9	1	4	7	2
4	9	7	2	5	3	1	6	8
5	4	3	1	2	7	9	8	6
7	8	6	5	3	9	2	4	1
9	2	1	6	8	4	7	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UQC LZX'B LOQTT BFS TSZ KSOSRU IU

TBZXPJXH ZXP TBZOJXH ZB BFS YZBSO.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Appearance can always be changed, but the talent stays the same.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Rangasamudra (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Hanu-Man (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Hanu-Man (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Ayalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Hanuman (Te)	(S-1)	9.25 am; (S-4) 7.20 pm
Hanuman (K)	(S-1)	7 pm, 10.10 pm; (S-2) 10 am
Hanuman (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm; (S-4) 1.15 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm; (S-2) 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.25 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Kadal (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Anyone But You (E)	(S-3)	10.55 am, 10.15 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
6 9 5 (H)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Barbarika (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Main Atal Hoon (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Hanu-man (Te)	:	10.30 am, 3.30 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	9.00 pm
Jotheyagiru (K)	:	10.30 am
Kaatera (K)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.50 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	1.05 pm, 3.40 pm
6 9 5 (H)	:	4.40 pm, 6.20 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	6.35 pm, 9.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm
		3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	12.50 pm, 6.40 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	3.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 10:15 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 6.35 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.55 am, 3.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	12 noon, 10.10 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	12.10 pm
The Bee-keeper (E)	:	1.55 pm, 7 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.30 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	3.20 pm
Anyone But You (E)	:	4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	7.10 pm

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Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	9 am, 12.55 pm, 7.15 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.35 am, 12 noon, 3.20 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	3.50 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Klaantha (K)	:	10.25 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.25 am
Kaatera (K)	:	11 am, 2.35 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	12.55 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.15 pm

67th National-level U-19 Kabaddi Championship

Kabaddi players are cultural ambassadors: Minister Madhu Bangarappa

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Pontiff Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Madhu Bangarappa and others handing over the sports torch to sportspersons taking part in the 67th National-level U-19 Kabaddi Championship during the inauguration at Nagamangala yesterday.

Mandya, Jan. 25 (VNS)-Kabaddi players in India are cultural ambassadors of the country, said Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Madhu Bangarappa, here yesterday. He was speaking after inaugurating 67th National-level U-19 Kabaddi Championship organised by Department of School Education in association with Adichunchanagiri Mutt at Nagamangala here.

"The State has had the opportunity to organise the Championship after a gap of eight years for which the Adichunchanagiri Mutt has extended its support. It is important for the children to get involved in sports activities from a young age," he noted.

Announcing that Shivamogga would be hosting the National-level Volleyball Tournament from Jan. 29, Madhu Bangarappa added that the State would be playing host to two National-level Tournaments in a short span of time.

Kabaddi players from 29 States including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, CBSE Welfare Sports Institute, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Council for the Indian School, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman, Dav College Managing Committee, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir

Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Navodaya Vidyalaya Committee, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Vidya Bharati, West Bengal are participating.

While a total of 29 boys teams are vying for the Championship, 28 girls teams will fight for supremacy in the Tournament. Adichunchanagiri Mutt Pontiff Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, General Secretary Sri Prasannanatha Swamiji, Department of PU Education Director Sindhu B. Roopesh, Department of Sports Assistant Director Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh, Department of PU Education Deputy Director Cheluvaiah, Department of Collegiate Education's District Deputy Director Shivaramegowda and others were present.

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 1.40 pm, 6 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-2)	3.10 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-4)	12.25 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-2)	9.05 am; (S-4) 7.05 pm
Gunturu Kaaram (Te)	(S-4)	3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm; (S-3) 12.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 am
Hanu-man (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	(S-2)	12.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am

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Hanu-man (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.30 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.40 am, 3 pm, 10 pm
Barbarika (K)	:	1.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Matthe Matthe (K)	:	4.25 pm
Klaantha (K)	:	4.30 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	6.40 pm
Kadal (2024) (K)	:	7.40 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	10.10 pm

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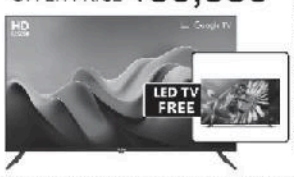

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